



# **FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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## **Update: Mud Lake Fire in Yakima County**

CAMP MURRAY – Firefighters continue to assist local firefighters working to contain the Mud Lake Fire, approximately 7 miles northwest of Naches in Yakima County.

A total of 50 firefighters and 20 engines/tenders are involved that have been dispatched from San Juan, Snohomish, Thurston, and Clark counties, along with College Place and Prosser fire departments. These firefighters and apparatus will complement the firefighters and engines/tenders from the local jurisdictions to bring the total number of firefighters on the scene to 258.

The fire has burned approximately 3,000 acres and is threatening up to 25 structures. Level 3 evacuations are in effect for homes in the immediate threat zone of the fire. A Level 1 evacuation is in effect west of Horseshoe Bend, which is located along SR-410 between mileposts 11-13. There are no containment figures at this time, however containment evaluations are ongoing.

The Washington State Fire Mobilization Act was declared on August 11, 2004, at 7:45 p.m. by Chief Lowell Porter, and implemented by the Fire Protection Bureau of the Washington State Patrol at the request of the local fire service. Support from the state's Emergency Management Division at the State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray.

Creating a defensible space around your home is a must for residents living in a potential wild land fire area. The following are the 10 steps to defensible space:

- Thin tree and brush cover.
- Dispose of slash and debris left from thinning.
- Remove dead limbs, leaves and other litter.
- Stack firewood away from home.
- Maintain irrigated green belt around the home.
- Mow dry grasses and weeds.
- Prune branches to 10 feet above the ground.
- Trim branches.
- Clean roof and gutters.
- Reduce density of surrounding forest.